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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: L. Cook

Serial No.: 09/273,164

Atty. Dkt. No.: UVMO:003/SLH

Filed: March 19, 1999

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
EARLY PREGNANCY DIAGNOSIS

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 15, 2000**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three-months to and including June 15, 2001 in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 15, 2000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$890.00) for a three-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

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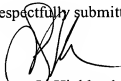
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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10012519/UVMO:003US/SLH.

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